

1. A method for applying a coating to a surface of a substrate, said method comprising:

providing a substantially rigid substrate;

forming said substrate to have a substantially uniform cross-sectional profile;

5 heating said substrate to a temperature greater than an ambient temperature;

pushing said heated substrate through an aperture of a substrate coating device,

said aperture substantially conforming to said cross-sectional profile of

said heated substrate; and

applying, with said substrate coating device, a coating material to a surface of said

10 heated substrate.